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FOR: A NEW PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF EPOTHILONE
DERIVATIVES, NEW EPOTHILONE DERIVATIVES AS WELL AS
NEW INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS FOR THE PROCESS AND THE
METHODS OF PREPARING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following preliminary amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 25 of this paper.